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Via Electronic Mail: 73668-88580322@requests.muckrock.com

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RE: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request No. BOEM-2019-00134

Dear Ms. Best:

This letter is in reference to your FOIA request dated May 21, 2019 and received by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Headquarters FOIA Office (HQ) on the same date. Your request is assigned number BOEM-2019-00134. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence with our office regarding this request.

Description of the Requested Records

You requested:

[D]ocuments generated as part of the creation of the FOIA office (defined as whatever department, office, or coordinator is responsible for overseeing and/or processing FOIA requests), whether this was at the time of the agency's creation or the passage of the Freedom of Information Act, to include:

1. The instruction to do so from the Agency, as well as any guidance from the senior leadership
2. Documents discussing proposals and procedures
3. Any legal guidance or analysis produced or acquired by the Agency in response to or as part of the creation of the FOIA office
4. Internal documents from the press office, legislative liaison's office (or equivalent), general counsel's office (or equivalent), director's office (or equivalent) or the newly created FOIA office, reacting to or characterizing the office and its creation.

5. [The astericked items in your request] A copy of the agency's first perfected (successful) FOIA request; Copies of other FOIA requests filed before the FOIA request described above; Processing notes, search slips and response documents regarding the FOIA requests described above; The first set of guidelines, instructions and/or forms created to control the agency's processing of FOIA requests; A copy of the agency's first successful FOIA appeal; Copies of other FOIA appeals received by the agency before the appeal described above; Processing notes, search slips and response documents regarding the FOIA appeals described above; The first set of guidelines, instructions and/or forms created to control the agency's processing of FOIA appeals.

Extension and Processing Schedule

Because we need to search for and collect requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request, we are taking a 10-workday extension under 43 C.F.R. § 2.19. We therefore expect that we will dispatch a determination to you by July 2, 2019 or notify you of any delay.

Mediation Services

The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as a non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Email: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>
Telephone: (202) 741-5770
Fax: (202) 741-5769
Toll-free: (877) 684-6448

Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA/PA Appeals Officer. You may also contact the undersigned, BOEM's FOIA Public Liaison, for dispute resolution services.

If you have any questions concerning your request, you may contact us by email at

boemfoia@boem.gov, by fax at (703) 787-1209; or by phone at (703) 787-1818 or by postal mail at: FOIA Office; Bureau of Ocean Energy Management; Mail Stop: VAM-BOEM DIR; 45600 Woodland Road; Sterling, VA 20166.

Sincerely,



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Bureau of Ocean Energy Management